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Response Under 37 CFR §1.116

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. This Response After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

The Examiner's indication of allowability of Claims 1-13, 15 and 24 is appreciated as well as the Examiner's specific comments and suggestions regarding antecedent basis. With regard to the Examiner's formal objections to Claims 1, 13, and 24, these claims have been amended as to matters of form not relating to patentability and not narrowing in scope, along the lines suggested by the Examiner. With regard to the Examiner's suggestion in paragraph 6 of the office action, in Claim 13 for example, the "another time information" is stored in the "nonvolatile memory." See, for example, the specification at page 15, lines 15 and 16, the "another time information" (e.g. date of warning) is stored in memory areas 501e, 502e, for example, in the nonvolatile EEPROM 111 (see the specification at page 14, lines 18-20), for example. The claim language has thus been amended accordingly for clarification purposes.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okui (US 5,950,038) in view of Hirst (US 5,930,553). This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Claim 23 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and allowable Claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form.

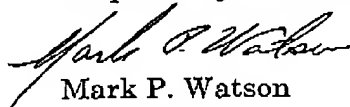
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With the forgoing amendments and remarks, applicant has addressed the issues outstanding and has attempted to place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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